EST AVAILABLE COPY

	Complete if Known				
Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO	Application Number	NOT YET ASSIGNED			
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Confirmation Number	NOT YET ASSIGNED			
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Filing Date	February 19, 2004			
	First Named Inventor	Hironori ENDO			
(use as many sheets as necessary)	Art Unit	NOT YET ASSIGNED			
	Examiner Name	NOT YET ASSIGNED			
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	O79906			

·	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*		Document Number			
	Cite No. ¹	Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		US			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	T 11.4:6	
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		JP	10-329381		12/15/1998	CANON INC.	
300	····	JP	11-49399		2/23/1999	BROTHER IND., LTD.	
						•	
		<u> </u>					

	NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
initials* Cite Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published				
	1/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10			
		Cite Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.		

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ³Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.